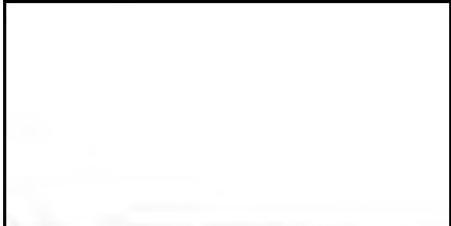


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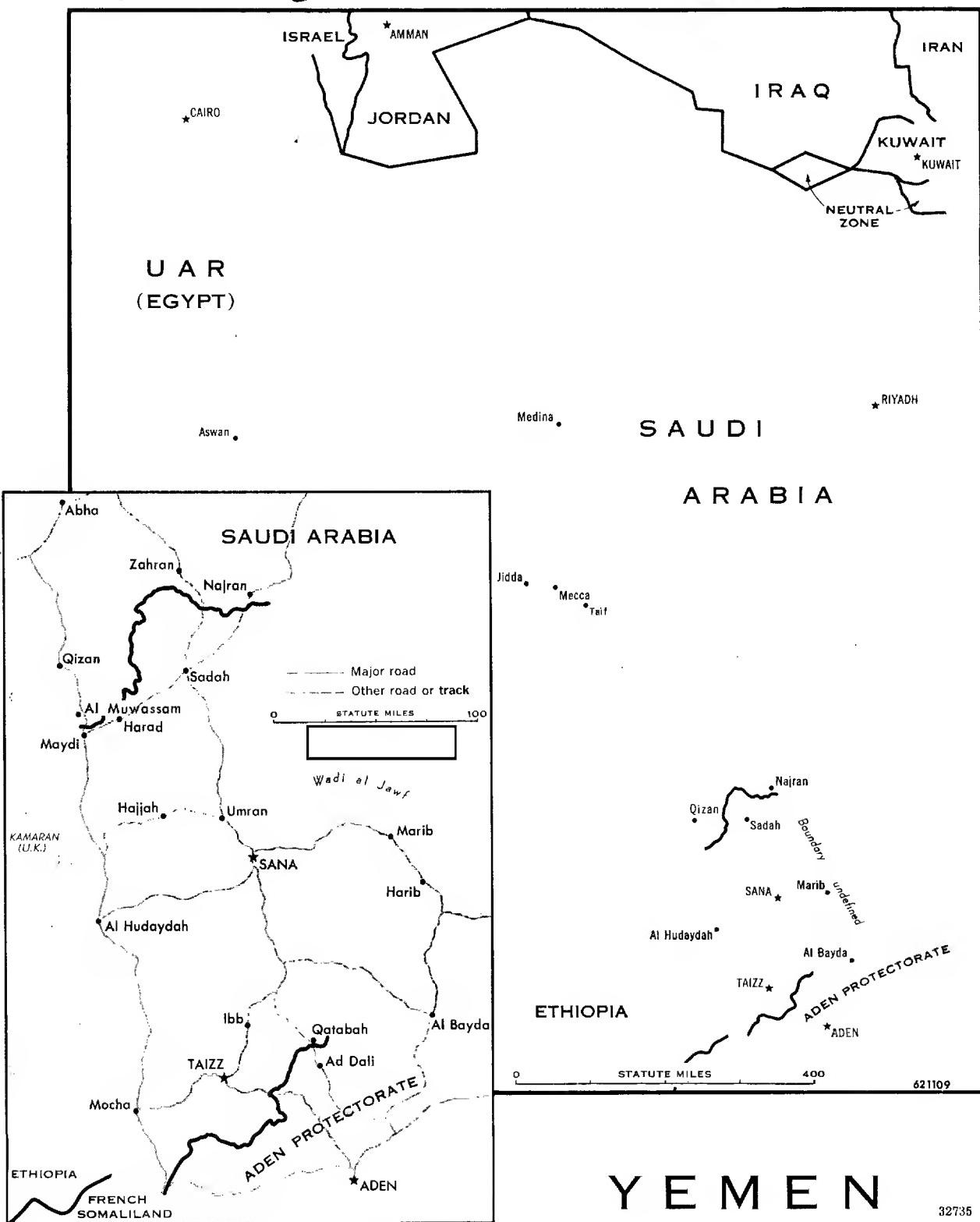
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Jordan - Saudi Arabia - Yemen: King Husayn, who considers the security of the Saudi monarchy vital to the stability of his own regime, is sending six Jordanian Hawker Hunter jet fighters to Saudi Arabia.

Fueling and maintenance facilities are being prepared at Taif airfield, which will serve as a base for operations by the Jordanian planes along the Yemeni border and the Saudi coast, as well as possibly over Yemen. The aircraft may arrive in Saudi Arabia this weekend.

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Husayn is considering buying, [redacted] Canberra jet light bombers from the UK. If obtained, the bombers would also be stationed in Saudi Arabia under terms of the new Saudi-Jordanian defense agreement.

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There is widespread popular opposition in Jordan to the government's support of the Yemeni royalists.

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The regime's preoccupation with the situation in Yemen and Saudi Arabia could cause a postponement of the Jordanian elections scheduled for 24 November. Such a postponement might do additional damage to the prestige and popularity of the government of Prime Minister Tal, who has been carrying out an extensive reform program.

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USSR: Khrushchev is scheduled to be the principal speaker at the 19 November Soviet party central committee plenum.

The improvement of the party's management of industry, construction and agriculture is the only item on the agenda. However, Khrushchev may use this opportunity to explain the Cuban crisis and to outline the future course of Soviet foreign policy.

The plenum has been under preparation since late September. There have been numerous indications that Khrushchev intends to initiate a major industrial-administrative reorganization.

*Moscow yesterday announced the resignation of A. F. Zasyadko from his post as chief of long-range planning. This move, which may be related to Soviet economic difficulties over the past two years, is a further indication that the forthcoming plenum will make significant changes in economic administration.

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*Berlin: East German border guards yesterday for the fifth time in less than three weeks subjected West German trucks traveling between West Germany and Berlin to lengthy processing controls at the zonal border.

These detailed inspection procedures would appear, on the surface at least, to be spot checks to uncover contraband freight or illegal travelers. Yesterday, and on three of the four other recent occasions, the extra controls were imposed only on the Hamburg-Berlin route. This route carries less of Berlin's vital freight traffic than does the heavily used Helmstedt-Berlin Autobahn.

Although these actions by the East Germans probably do not in themselves foreshadow more drastic steps against Berlin, they may be in part designed to remind the West of the city's vulnerability.

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Czechoslovakia: Because of protracted discontent over the food supply situation, Czechoslovakia on 31 October abolished private sale of agricultural products.

Agricultural products, even those from private plots, must now be sold to state procurement agencies. Retail purchases can be made only from state and cooperative outlets.

The regime claims that this move will benefit the consumer by eliminating high free market food prices. Such a measure, however, will not increase the total supply of food and will tend to reduce production on private plots.

This move will cause dissatisfaction among peasants and lower level party members. It may add to existing pressures for the adoption of economic and political reforms at the party congress scheduled for early December.

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Communist China: Peiping's inclusion of four politburo members among the newly appointed vice chairmen of the State Planning Commission suggests that a high-level task force has been formed by the regime to formulate long-term economic goals. This may presage the promulgation of a third five-year plan.

The new appointees to the commission--Peiping's top long-range planning body--are representative of wide functional specialities. In addition, they include both economic gradualists and individuals associated with the "leap forward" debacle.

Despite the inclusion of the latter, Peiping evidently intends to take a conservative economic approach. The party central committee meeting in September strongly stressed the necessity for rational economic development.

The presence of "leap forward" planners on the commission indicates that, despite their loss of prestige, extremist elements are still powerful within the party leadership.

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Nepal-India: Nepali exile leader Subarna announced on 8 November that the exiles have suspended their campaign against King Mahendra's government.

This decision was almost certainly dictated by the Indian Government, which has been supporting Subarna. New Delhi is apparently convinced that its policy has been helping the Chinese Communists, who exploit anti-Indian sentiment in Nepal, more than it is presently serving India.

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Even before the major Sino-Indian border fighting broke out on 20 October, Nehru had expressed his concern about Chinese moves concerning Nepal and told Ambassador Galbraith that he had passed the word to Subarna to "lay off." Reports of Chinese troop movements north of Nepal during the past two weeks have probably heightened New Delhi's concern.

Nehru has also persuaded the Bhutanese to remain neutral in their approach to the Sino-Indian border fighting so as not to provoke the Chinese and thereby force New Delhi to make good its defense pledges.

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Vietnam: Two battalion-size attacks in the last ten days suggest that the Viet Cong may be entering another period of larger scale offensive action in South Vietnam.

One attack was reported to have occurred 40 miles southwest of Saigon on 8 November; the other was in an area approximately 125 miles south of Saigon on 30 October. In both instances the attackers were repelled by government forces.

Since the last battalion-size attack in mid-July, the Viet Cong have been maintaining smaller scale harassments, with strategic hamlets as the key objectives. The Viet Cong may have been using this period to regroup and to train new recruits. Aggressive guerrilla operations are likely to continue.

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West Germany. Persistent bitterness within the West German Government over the Der Spiegel affair could interfere increasingly with government operations and policy deliberations.

According to a senior Defense Ministry official,

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particularly Finance Minister Starke. The official stated that Starke is holding up action on the Defense Ministry's request for increases in 1962 and 1963 funds to cover weapons orders which were increased after the Berlin crisis last year. Unless Starke relents, planned payments will have to be deferred. This will throw an added burden on the 1963 defense budget and seriously limit the equipping of German forces.

The official believes that the defense budget problem will not be easily resolved unless Adenauer intervenes. The US Embassy in Bonn sees nothing in the German economic situation to justify a defense slowdown, but points out that under the circumstances Adenauer may be reluctant to override his finance minister.

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Dominican Republic: Former President Balaguer has announced that he intends to return from exile in New York on 19 November to run for the presidency. This is adding to already mounting political tensions as the country prepares for the 20 December elections, the first free elections in more than 30 years.

Balaguer's nomination, even though he has no chance of being elected, will fan existing animosities by injecting the issue of Trujilloism into the campaign.

Balaguer's candidacy could also give Councilor Antonio Imbert, and his supporter, Councilor Luis Amiama, a pretext for further increasing their power or for interfering in the elections. Both were recently made army brigadier generals and "supervisors" of the armed forces.

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British Guiana: Guianese leaders, embittered after the collapse of the London conference on independence, are planning to step up political action on their return to the colony. This may lead to public disorders.

The conference, called to discuss a new constitution and set a date for independence, broke up on 6 November in sharp disagreement over the electoral system. Premier Jagan has since told Governor Grey that he intends to let his colleagues run the government while he stirs up the East Indian population in the cause of independence. Opposition leader Forbes Burnham has indicated his intention of renewing political attacks on Jagan.

The British are considering a referendum in the colony on the issue of proportional representation, but may delay taking any action for several months. British officials believe that in the meantime the Guianese public could easily be aroused to violence if Jagan and other political leaders behave provocatively.

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